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DISCUSSION.

[An article on "Is Vivisection Justifiable?" by Dr. C. S. Myers in the April number, 1904, was replied to by Dr. Albert Leffingwell in the January number, 1905. The discussion was continued by both writers in a somewhat personal manner in the July number, notwithstanding the elimination of some of the latter features by the Managing Editor. The following note of personal explanation was sent to us for the October number, and we now publish it, as requested, without any modification. The discussion between Dr. Myers and Dr. Leffingwell is herewith closed in this JOURNAL.]

THE VIVISECTION PROBLEM : A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Dr. Leffingwell's latest comments on the justifiability of vivisection are marked by such misrepresentation of fact and confusion of argument that further controversy must now close, at least so far as I am concerned. I wish here merely to add a word of personal explanation. My critic seeks to strengthen his position by the taunt that I write only what I have been told, while he professes to describe what he has personally seen. Although he is so good as to express his belief in my "sincerity and intellectual honesty," yet he claims that my opinions are valueless as I am neither physician nor vivisector. That Dr. Leffingwell himself is not a vivisector goes without saying: how well he is versed in medicine and in the history of pathological science I may safely leave others to judge. But for my own part, perhaps I may state that I have attended many vivisections, and that I feel sufficiently qualified alike on medical, ethical, and psychological grounds to maintain with sincerity and without change the views and statements which I have advanced in the pages of this JOURNAL.

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